

26-8a-253 Statewide trauma registry and quality assurance program.

- (1) The department shall:
 - (a) establish and fund a statewide trauma registry to collect and analyze information on the incidence, severity, causes, and outcomes of trauma;
 - (b) establish, by rule, the data elements, the medical care providers that shall report, and the time frame and format for reporting;
 - (c) use the data collected to:
 - (i) improve the availability and delivery of prehospital and hospital trauma care;
 - (ii) assess trauma care delivery, patient care outcomes, and compliance with the requirements of this chapter and applicable department rules; and
 - (iii) regularly produce and disseminate reports to data providers, state government, and the public; and
 - (d) support data collection and abstraction by providing:
 - (i) a data collection system and technical assistance to each hospital that submits data; and
 - (ii) funding or, at the discretion of the department, personnel for collection and abstraction for each hospital not designated as a trauma center under the standards established pursuant to Section 26-8a-254.
- (2)
 - (a) Each hospital shall submit trauma data in accordance with rules established under Subsection (1).
 - (b) A hospital designated as a trauma center shall submit data as part of the ongoing quality assurance program established in Section 26-8a-252.
- (3) The department shall assess:
 - (a) the effectiveness of the data collected pursuant to Subsection (1); and
 - (b) the impact of the statewide trauma system on the provision of trauma care.
- (4) Data collected under this section shall be subject to Chapter 3, Health Statistics.
- (5) No person may be held civilly liable for having provided data to the department in accordance with this section.

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